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Annual Report

OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH,

B. ROWORTH TURNER,
B.A., M.B., B.C. CANTAB.

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OUNDLE,

JULY, 1926.

TO THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

MRS. COOMBS AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to report as follows :—

**General
Description.**

Oundle stands on a slight eminence overlooking the river Nene, which approaches the town from the south, turning eastwards and then north.

It stands from 60 to 200 feet above the sea-level. The Urban District comprises 3144 acres exclusive of the area covered by water. It lies for the most part on limestone.

**Vital
Statistics.**

The population is estimated at 2,651.

There were 26 deaths during 1925, giving a death-rate of 9·8 per 1000. Of these 9 were male, 17 female.

Cancer caused 2 deaths.

Tubercle caused 1 death.

There were no deaths from Zymotic Disease.

There were 31 births, giving a rate of 11·6 per 1000. Of these 16 were males (12 legitimate, 4 illegitimate), 15 were females (15 legitimate).

There were no deaths of children under 1 year. The infantile death-rate is therefore 0 per 1000.

Notifications.

Two. 1 Scarlet Fever

1 Enteric Fever.

The case of Enteric was imported into the district. There were slight outbreaks of Measles and Chicken-pox.

Water.

The supply is plentiful and the quality excellent, but hard. The analyst's reports have all been good. The river and streams are clean and free from pollution.

**Sewerage and
Drainage.**

These have been working well. House refuse is collected twice a week. The streets are kept very clean.

Food. This has been excellent. One consignment of imported beef was condemned.

Housing. Two houses have been built privately. None built by Council. Two others are in course of construction.

There is no unhealthy area in the town.

A good many of the cottages are old and do not comply with modern bye-laws; but there is no large outbreak of epidemic disease to report and these old cottages are often roomy and comfortable and the occupants healthy. No case of overcrowding reported.

Number of houses computed at 612.

**Rateable
Value.**

£13,786 : a penny rate produces £48 10s. 4d.

There is an Isolation Hospital in the District with superheated Steam Disinfector. Cases are removed there by Horse Ambulance. There is a trolley stretcher worked by the St. John Ambulance Society, for accidents. There are no Clinic or Treatment centres in the town. There is a Poor Law Infirmary, which I should like to see used for accidents and minor operations. This would tend to relieve the pressure in the Peterborough and Northampton Infirmaries and also be a great convenience for the inhabitants. We have a District Nurse, who is a midwife. No arrangements have been made, outside the Isolation Hospital, for nursing infectious cases in homes. Laboratory work is done at Northampton Infirmary and Messrs. Philip Harris Laboratories, Birmingham.

There are two Elementary Schools in the town. Both are in good condition.

I append the Surveyor's Report.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

B. ROWORTH TURNER,

B.A., M.B., B.C.,

CANTAB.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

TO THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

SIR,

I herewith submit my Report of work carried out for the year ended 31st December, 1925.

HOUSES EXAMINED SHOWING CAUSE FOR ACTION.

Infectious Disease	...	...	...	1
Overcrowding	<i>nil</i>
Dirty Houses	2
Defective Drainage and Fittings	27
Other Causes	6
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Number of Notices Issued.

1. Statutory	7
2. Preliminary and Letters	12

INSPECTIONS OTHER THAN NUISANCES.

Works in progress	...	...	...	63
Slaughter-houses, Bake-houses, Dairies, Workshops, and Cowsheds	...	...	...	87

DRAINAGE AND SANITATION.

Two houses have been completely redrained and 8 partly redrained.

UNFIT DWELLING-HOUSES.

1. Number of Houses inspected	...	...	...	12
2. Number of Houses totally unfit	...	...	...	<i>nil</i>
3. Number of Houses rendered fit without service of Notice	...	...	...	2

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS.

A. Proceedings under Section 28 of the Housing and Town Planning Act, 1919.

1. Notices served as to Non-repairs	...	...	...	5
2. Number of Houses which were rendered fit :—				
(a) By Owners	5
(b) By Local Authority	<i>nil</i>

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

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| 1. Number of Dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied | 5 |
| Informal Notices | 3 |
| 2. Number of Houses rendered fit by Owners | 8 |
| 3. By Local Authority | <i>nil</i> |

C. Proceedings under Section 17 of the Housing and Town Planning Act, 1909 *nil*

NEW HOUSES.

Two new houses have been erected during the year by private enterprise and two others are in course of erection.

MAIN SEWERS.

A small portion of the East Road Sewer has been reconstructed, and the whole of the East and South Road Sewers have been entirely cleaned out and additional Inspection Chambers constructed.

PUBLIC HEALTH (MEAT) REGULATIONS, 1924.

The inspection of meat has been regularly carried out as directed by the Minister of Health.

One pig only was condemned as unfit for food (this animal was not the property of a retailer).

Three milch cows (from the Rural District) were slaughtered under the Tuberculosis Order—2 carcasses were condemned for food.

FOOD INSPECTION.

I was called in on one occasion to examine some imported beef which I condemned.

332 rats were destroyed during the month of November.

Yours obediently,

HORACE W. BOLTON,
M. Inst. M. & Cy. Eng., Cert. R.S.I.

January 25th, 1926.

